



REAL PRODUCTS - MADE WITH 3D PRINTING ARE COMING!

About two years ago an acquaintance of mine and I decided to develop something made completely with 3D printing that was not a plastic toy but instead was a real, working product. What we came up with stems from my own personal hobby, Radio Control Airplanes. The result, a working turbine jet engine made using [EOS](#) DMLS ([Direct Metal Laser Sintering](#)) technology.

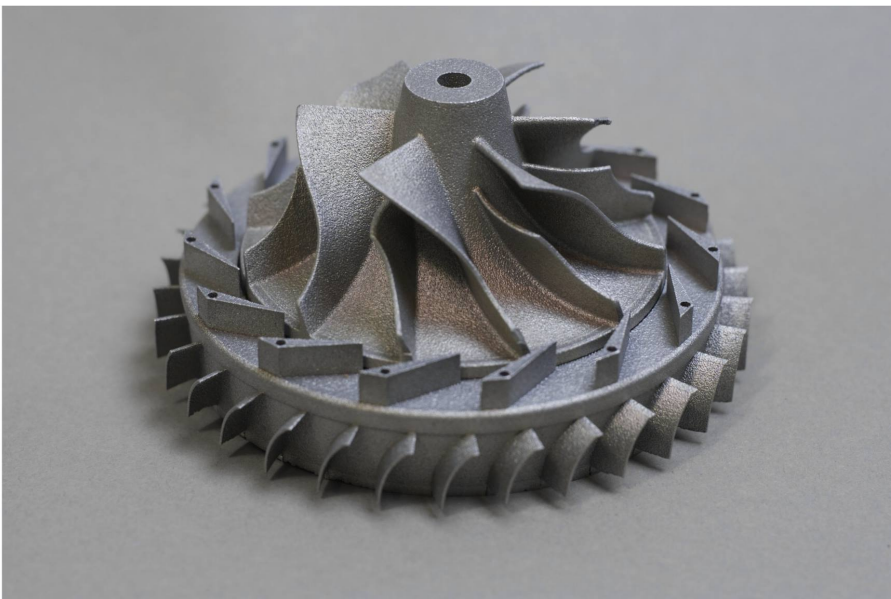
EOS DMLS 3D printing is a terrific technology that most people don't really have access to you outside of the industrial sector. It is indeed 3D printing but it has some unique challenges to

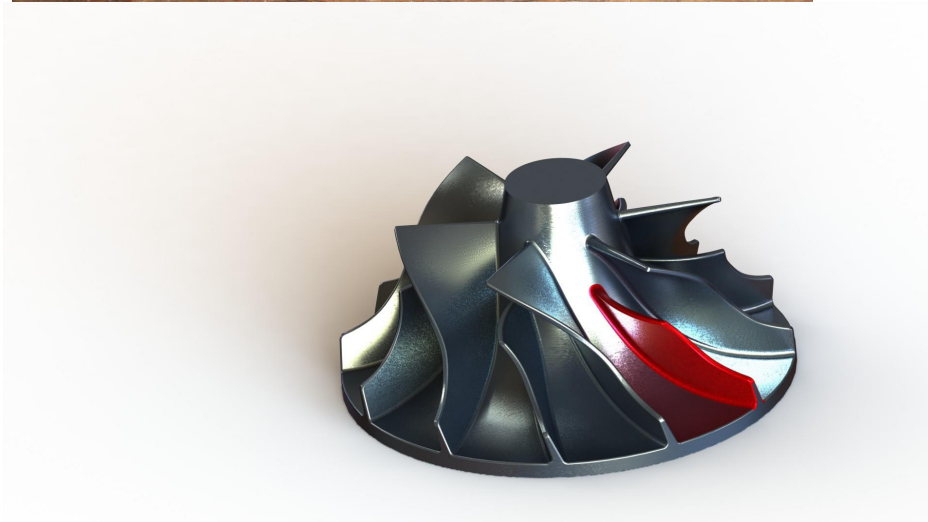
design around. 3D Printing metal requires structures and supports that are VERY difficult to remove when you have overhangs.

DMLS is NOT for everything but in this case, it works beautifully for a 3D-printed turbine.

The project has taken two years, working in my spare time mostly which isn't much but I think the results are quite impressive and the engine will work, I am sure of it. The only parts that are not 3D printed are the turbine shaft which was made on a lathe and the ceramic ball bearings. The materials used include Aluminum, Inconel and Stainless Steel.

Power will be in the 55-65 lb thrust-class with RPM's at or above 80,000 rpm. The engine was tested and simulated using SolidWorks FEA simulation and flow analysis. The results are terrific. Along the path of design, we identified part count reduction that could make an engine out of 5 parts, down from 12 to 7 parts.







3D printing is a game-changer for prototyping and production. It allows for the creation of complex, custom parts that would be difficult or expensive to manufacture using traditional methods. The ability to print parts on-demand is a significant advantage for many industries, from aerospace to consumer goods.